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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 4, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on August 4, 2006. A petition for an extension of time with accompanying fee is being filed herewith to extend the response period to October 4, 2006.

Claim Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Reconsideration is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.